

## STRONGHOLD OF ZACATECAS CAPTURED BY VILLA

Four Days Of Furious Fighting Is Crowned With Victory  
Christofferson Falls 1800 Feet  
In a Dash for Mount Whitney

(By Associated Press.)

LONE PINE, Cal., June 25.—Windy blasts foisted Silas Christofferson, the aviator, in an effort to fly over Mt. Whitney. He was in the air 55 minutes. He will try again in the next few days, weather permitting. In the trial trip from Bishop to

Lone Pine, Tuesday, preliminary to the attempt to scale Mt. Whitney, Christofferson fell 1,800 feet from a height of 10,000 feet. For a few seconds death seemed certain, but the aviator righted the machine and landed safely. He was accompanied by E. Carl Wallen, a photographer,

who will be seen in Tonopah on the Fourth. The story is told by the latter as follows:

"I was leaning over my camera cranking away at the immense stretch of peaks below us when I saw Silas lean forward clear of his seat and reach under the tank which I was sitting on to adjust the gasoline pressure. In doing this his feet were slightly relaxed on his throttle. Some unusual force suddenly tilted the right-hand plane until we were at almost at right angles with the ground, and instead of plunging straight down we were falling sideways into the canyon below us."

"I was looking straight at Silas. He straightened up and, leaning clear over the edge of the machine without sitting back between his shoulder forks, jammed his rudder clear over against the elevator as far as it would go. The machine did not answer, and he glanced up at his altimeter to see what was wrong. I could see his eyes and they seemed as large as his goggles."

"Just then the machine, striking a cross-current of air, drove us almost perpendicularly, nose down, toward the ground."

"Silas settled back against his seat and pulled his steering wheel clear back into his chest. The machine seemed to shake and buck all over. It slowly straightened back into position. A slight grin crept around the corners of Silas' face and I knew the danger was over. I never expected it to be. We had dropped 1,800 feet. It was the longest time I have ever spent."

(By Associated Press.)

ZACATECAS, June 24.—(Delayed in transmission.—)Fiercest fighting on both sides, with unusually heavy loss of life for both, ended last night in the capture of Zacatecas by Villa's forces, closing a four days' battle. The federals fought under General Barron and the constitutionalists under Generals Villa and Natera. Heaps of dead on the mountainside and through the city furnish mute testimony of the ferocity of the fighting. It is impossible to estimate the total losses. General Rodriguez, one of Villa's commanders, was shot fatally. Villa accompanied the attacking party in person. Five members of his staff were wounded.

The constitutionalists at times advanced on hands and knees, while those below on the steep inclines passed rifles from hand to hand. This was accomplished under a machine gun fire. The federals had trenches and other protection. The hillsides afforded no cover for the attacking troops. The cordon of defense gradually

Greatest Mercantile Failure  
In the History of the Country

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, June 25.—The great dry goods house of H. B. Claff & Company failed today with liabilities of \$35,000,000. The assets are estimated at \$40,000,000.

With the appointment announced, the vast Claff dry goods enterprise, extending from coast to coast, will be closed. They include about thirty retail stores. Over extended credits was the cause of the failure, which is the largest of its kind in the history of the country.

AUTO OVER BLUFF  
KILLS FOUR AND  
MAIMS ANOTHER

PILE OF DEAD FOUND ON THE  
SAN PEDRO BEACH AT  
DAYLIGHT.

(By Associated Press.)

LOS ANGELES, June 25.—At the foot of a 100-foot bluff on the beach near San Pedro the bodies of three women and a man, victims of an automobile accident, were found.

Driven by Harry Baker, wireless operator at San Pedro, the automobile, on its first trip, plunged over the bluff at night.

The dead are: Harry Baker, Laura Townsend, her mother, Mrs. Laura Townsend, and Myrtle Grandon. Percy Townsend, also an operator, had many bones broken and may recover.

CARRANZA COMES  
CLOSE TO BORDER  
TO HELP SETTLE

NEW AGREEMENT PROVIDES  
FOR THE WITHDRAWAL  
OF TROOPS.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, June 25.—Agents of the constitutionalists, on learning of the signing of the Niagara protocol expressed the opinion that the conference between the Huerta delegates and agents of the constitutionalists, will begin next week, perhaps at Buffalo. Carranza is to come near the border, to be near his agents in the United States. The diplomats agree to the settling of all points in dispute excepting the choice of a provisional president. The agreement provides for the withdrawal of American troops.

INHERITANCE TAX PAID.

SACRAMENTO, June 24.—The report of a \$19,056.09 inheritance tax upon the estate of the late John S. Hawley, who died in San Diego in 1913, has been received by State Controller Chambers.

narrowed until the last hills on the outskirts of the city fell into the hands of Villa's men.

Zacatecas is on the line of the Mexican Central railway, 785 miles south of El Paso and 439 miles north of the City of Mexico with a population of 30,000. It is crowded into a deep narrow ravine 8,000 feet above sea level. Above the ravine on which the city is built mountains rise on every hand, their slopes covered with massive stone buildings used as reduction plants for silver. Dominating the city is the curious mountain ridge of La Bufa (the buffalo). On the hill of La Bufa a battle was fought March 2, 1871, between a revolutionary army and the Juarez forces, resulting in the defeat of the revolutionists. The city is one of the most important mining centers. The town was permanently settled by Jesuit fathers in 1616, although the site was selected seventy years before on the discovery of silver. Zacatecas has been regarded as impragnable.

AGED MEMBER OF EASTERN STAR  
BURIED UNDER MASSES OF ROSES

The funeral of the late Mrs. W. C. Humphrey was held yesterday afternoon under the auspices of the Order of the Eastern Star from Masonic temple. The services were attended by a great many friends of the venerable deceased from all parts of the county and the offerings of flowers formed a very pretty collection. The remains were taken from the home

of Mrs. Gilbert at 2:30 o'clock and borne to the hall, accompanied by a long cortege of mourners in automobiles. The following members of the O. E. S. acted as pallbearers: J. A. Reid, Wesley Stewart, A. C. Ryckman, Henry Schmidt and Sanford Galyin. Honorary pallbearers: Mrs. C. Stevens, Mrs. Bodina, Mrs. W. Parker, Mrs. Shaughnessy, Mrs. Trelease, Mrs. Dave Jones.

The Eastern Star funeral service was used. Mrs. John Ferris acting as worthy matron, Thomas Lindsay, worthy patron, R. H. Burdick, chaplain, and Mrs. R. H. Burdick as marshal. Mrs. Thomas Lindsay presided as organist. The five star points taking part in the service and depositing floral symbols on the casket added to the impressiveness of the service. Mrs. Simmons sang a solo. Rev. J. M. Swander, of the Presbyterian church, officiated and all officers and members followed the remains to the new cemetery, where interment took place beside the body of her husband.

A floral star of appropriate colors was presented by Turquoise Chapter No. 10, O. E. S., and a beautiful pillow of pink roses by Tonopah Lodge No. 28, F. & A. M. Other floral pieces were from Mr. and Mrs. W. Brongher, Oakland, Cal.; Mrs. M. Rayercraft, Carson City; Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Esser, Carson City; Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Maute, Carson City; Mr. and Mrs. Will Merten, Manhattan, Nev.; Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Garalde, Manhattan, Nev.; Miss A. E. Bradley, Tonopah; Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Marty, Tonopah; Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Slavin, Tonopah; Mr. and Mrs. J. Wesley Stewart, Mr. P. M. Bowler, Mrs. G. Liles, Miss M. Donaldson, Tonopah; Mrs. L. L. Doan, Manhattan; Mrs. Puddy Grimes, Tonopah; Miss Kathleen Haffner, Tonopah; Mrs. A. M. Kearns, Tonopah; Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Van Hurling, Tonopah; Mr. W. P. McCarthy, Tonopah; Esther Chapter No. 3, O. E. S., Carson City; Mr. R. G. Pohl, Tonopah; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sanders, Tonopah.

WOMAN ON TRIAL FOR VIOLATING MANN ACT

SAN FRANCISCO, June 24.—The trial of Mrs. Dolly McDermott on the charge of violating the Mann act in transporting Blossom Ferguson, her 15-year-old niece, from this city to Boise City, Idaho, is on trial before a jury in Federal Judge "Coolidge" court.

FOURTEEN YEARS FOR ANNOYING YOUNG GIRLS

SAN FRANCISCO, June 24.—Despite his plea for probation, John Emil Raich, a Clement street drugist, convicted of annoying little girls, was sentenced to fourteen years in Folsom penitentiary by Judge Frank Dunne.

Joseph Cook, of New York, who pleaded guilty to highway robbery, was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment.

T. R. IN HARNESS  
TO SPEAK FROM  
ATLANTIC TO  
PACIFIC

THROAT AFFECTION MAY INTERFERE WITH PLANS FOR SPEAKING TOUR.

(By Associated Press.)

OYSTER BAY, June 2.—Roosevelt plunged into what he expects to be the hardest political campaign he ever has undertaken. He landed here from New York at midnight. Nine hours afterward, in his library, he started the machinery, dictating letters and telegrams at full speed.

"I never felt better," he said. He added that his throat had been bothering some, but the chief danger being that he will be incapacitated for the campaign. He plans for speeches in each state, but will adhere to a plan for covering the country from coast to coast. He heard from both sides of the local political question of endorsing District Attorney Whitman for governor, but refused to commit himself.

FIGHT ON FRIDAY  
NIGHT, JULY THIRD,  
AT THE NEVADA

POPULAR PRICES WILL PREVAIL  
AND OLD-TIME FAVORITE  
WILL REFEREE.

The committee looking after the fight contest for the Fourth of July programme decided this morning to have that event pulled off on the evening of Friday, the 3rd, at the Nevada theater, so as to leave the way clear for the big programme of events that will occupy the rest of the time for the succeeding two days. Jack Minnick will officiate as referee and the public will be assured that the best men will win and that no evasion or dodging will be allowed during the rounds. Jack Minnick is one of the masters of the squared ring, and when he says there must be fighting, there will be no stalling for time or holding back for a draw.

Prices of seats have been fixed at one, two and three dollars, as it is the desire of the managers to fill the house and make a success of the events. All surplus from this contest will go to the Fourth of July fund. The men are doing excellent work in their training quarters at the gymnasium and the Casino, where they may be seen every afternoon at 2 o'clock in their try-outs.

Tickets may be had at the Bank saloon, the Cobweb and the Tonopah Drug company.

Evidently Carranza is of the opinion that mediation without representation is tyranny.

SEMI-MONTHLY BULLION  
SHIPMENT REPORTED

This morning the Montana mine shipped 19 bars of bullion weighing 1,379 pounds, valued at approximately \$17,000. The West End sent out a lot of matte weighing 1,112 pounds, worth \$2,000.

Ruef Punished  
for Infraction

(By Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, June 25.—Abe Ruef is denied the privileges of San Quentin, according to his attorney, because Ruef made public the text of an undelivered application for parole.

LIFE OF A JUDGE  
THREATENED IN  
SAN FRANCISCO  
DIVORCE

ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE COURT  
DURING HEARING OF SEN-  
SATIONAL SUIT.

(By Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, June 25.—Threatening letters, signed with a skull and crossbones, were received by Judge Van Nostrand, of the superior court, in an attempt to influence his conduct of the Shorb divorce case. Making public letters addressed to the judge, Charles Lee, attorney for Donald Shorb, created a sensation.

"If you defend the Shorb case it will be a blue box for you," said the letter. "If you show this you die like a dog." The Shorbs are prominent. His wife alleges Shorb threatened her life.

BUCKHORN MILL  
IS AT CAPACITY

NEW EQUIPMENT INSTALLED  
AND PLANT IS TREATING  
300 TONS DAILY.

For the first time since the completion and initial operation in January, the mill of the Buckhorn Mines company is now running at full capacity, handling 300 tons of ore daily.

During the past few months, additional machinery made necessary by unusual conditions has been installed and is now in operation, bringing the tonnage treated up to normal capacity.

These changes in the mill included the exchange of a jaw trap crusher for a gear driven, toothed roll crusher, the addition of a ball mill with elevators, classifiers and additional filter equipment. The new vacuum filter is 14 by 24 feet in size, is of the revolving drum type and is the largest yet constructed.

The ores were found to be of an exceptionally talcose nature, carrying at times moisture content of 30 per cent, so that the changes in the mill were necessary.

The process used involves the reduction of the ores to all sizes and treatment with cyanide, the slimes being agitated while in solution.

AVENGER OF FATHER IS  
HELD TO GRAND JURY

BERRYVILLE, Ark., June 25.—Eugene Larkins, 11 years old, who shot and killed James Walls last Saturday after the latter killed Larkins' father, was held to the grand jury here today. The boy was released on his own recognizance.

The mercantile world seems to be made up exclusively of tired business men and human dynamo.—Pittsburg Post.

ASSAYER MARRIES  
GOLDFIELD BELLE  
LAST EVENING

MISS INA WHEELER BECOMES  
THE BRIDE OF J. A.  
McLAUGHLIN.

Goldfield is rapidly becoming the happy haven of numerous Tonopah couples who seek the seclusion which that town grants for the celebration of the nuptial tie. The latest addition to the ranks of benedicts from Tonopah is James A. McLaughlin, the assayer, who yesterday afternoon annexed one of the leading social lights of the gold camp and brought her back as a permanent resident of the silver camp.

The engagement, which had been pending for some time, was kept a strict secret until at noon yesterday the bridegroom chartered an auto and hid himself off to Goldfield, where a few hours later he was married to Miss Ina Wheeler and the bridal party returned to Tonopah last evening. They are established in a cozy home at 403 Summit street. The bride has been one of the popular teachers of Goldfield, where she held a position for the last eight years. She is a daughter of the late Bob Wheeler, founder of the Chicago Furniture company, one of the largest furniture houses of the state during the days of 1906. Mr. Wheeler was one of the leaders in the Klondike stampede and came to the southern country with his family when news of the rich discoveries reached the far north and brought in a host of old "mushers."

FIND MANY NUGGETS  
IN SQUIRREL CREEK

PORTOLA, Cal., June 25.—During the last two weeks, Messrs. Taunt and Dutre, who are operating a gravel mining claim on Squirrel creek, by what is termed the "shoot or" system, have picked up several large nuggets of coarse gold from the bedrock at their mine. One specimen recovered is valued at \$152.50, another at \$56, and a third at \$25. Prior to the finding of these nuggets Dutre and Taunt picked up several hundred dollars worth of gold, much of this being in large pieces.

## TEMPERATURE REPORT

Highest temperature yesterday, 68; a year ago, 74.  
Lowest temperature last night, 49; a year ago, 47.